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## SAVVY STATISTICS WITH CONNECT & COLLECT

Kentucky Department for Libraries is announcing a new service for public libraries to assist in the collection and dissemination of management information. Funded by a federal grant administered by Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA), this on-line service will bring a new dimension to the yearly annual report.

Bibliostat™ Collect and Bibliostat™ Connect are products developed by informata.com that will assist librarians in compiling and analyzing statistical data. Each year, information is collected from public libraries and compiled into statewide and national reports. As many library staff will attest, using the traditional paper reports has been a cumbersome process. In many libraries, multiple copies of the report are photocopied and distributed to staff responsible for varied areas or departments. The information is collated and prepared in traditional fashion on a typewriter. Then copies for the board, elected officials and the state library are photocopied, delivered and archived.

These two products are designed to make the process more user friendly. Kentucky's Bibliostat Collect™ was built to respond to the needs of the public library community in facilitating quick, efficient and accurate data collection. Bibliostat Connect makes it easier to find pertinent statistics and effectively present them in charts and graphs that can tell the library story.

Last Fall, KDLA's regional and statewide consultants made major revisions to the annual report form, including downsizing the length of the document. In mid-June, Field Services Division staffers Jay Bank, Tricia Bengel and Terry Manuel provided hands-on training at the Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives. Over 110 persons representing 75 libraries attended the overview. State Librarian and Commissioner Jim Nelson said, "Bibliostat Connect and Collect will be a tremendous benefit to Kentucky's libraries allowing them to build and manipulate statistical databases. This comparative data including graphs and charts will be a great asset in demonstrating the value of public libraries to the Commonwealth. A quick glance will give the reader an overview of the library's standing both nationally and statewide."



## PUBLIC LIBRARY GRAND OPENINGS

May was prolific for public library grand openings in Kentucky. Four counties opened brand new facilities: Elliott, Grant, Laurel, and Letcher. Kentucky's newest libraries have many excellent features that will allow them to better serve their customers. Among these elements are more space, enhanced technology, and better parking. Elliott, Grant, and Laurel counties each received significant funding from the state through KDLA's Public Library Facilities Construction Fund.

Throughout the planning phase, these libraries worked to highlight design aspects to meet community needs. Each new building includes specific features that have been included to foster its specific mission. For instance, Elliott County has a children's area designed around a C. S. Lewis - "Chronicles of Narnia" theme and features murals and a story area in a castle. Grant County's new library is situated on a hilltop with beautiful views. They plan to develop a children's garden and natural space to use for outdoor activities. Laurel County has one of the largest libraries in the state and can serve as a regional meeting location for library and other activities. It also has a lovely reading garden donated by Aisin Inc. Letcher County's new branch in Jenkins was built on land donated by TECO Coal and the Jenkins City Council. Its wood siding and other design features are representative of the architecture in the region and it blends well with the Coal-Railroad Museum in the restored train depot next door.



State Librarian and Commissioner James A. Nelson participated in the dedication of the Grant County Public Library. He was also part of the program at the grand opening of the Elliott County Public Library. Regional Librarians Barbara Greer and Martha Jane Proctor also attended. Field Services Director, Judith Gibbons, Program Development Coordinator Tezeta Lynes and Construction Consultant Chris Bischoff joined the festivities at the Laurel County Public Library opening. Michael Jones, Public Library Development Branch Manager, and Regional Librarian Martha Jane Proctor represented KDLA at the Letcher County Public Library event.

The board and staff of these newest public libraries welcome the opportunity to give tours of their facilities. They provide great models for library boards beginning a building process or planning a refresher or remodeling of an existing library.

## KENTUCKY'S READING EXPEDITION



In efforts to encourage reading during the summer months, librarians across the state of Kentucky plan activities and events for children and young adults. With on-site and outreach programs librarians have been able to reach a large number of summer readers. In 2002, over 95,000 children and teens participated in summer reading along with over 10,000 adults. This year many public libraries will use a variation of the statewide theme, *Reading Expedition*, for their summer reading program. While this theme is directly related to the bicentennial celebration of the Lewis and Clark Expedition library events have been planned that will focus on adventure, exploration, Native Americans, camping, plants and animals of the American West.

Take the time to browse the KDLA summer reading webpage located at <http://www.kdla.net/libserv/children/srp2003/links.htm>. The page is filled with links to a variety of resources for librarians and summer readers including links to bibliographies, activities and information on the expedition, pioneers, and the American West. There are even online adventures like *Go West Across America with Lewis and Clark* <http://www.nationalgeographic.com/west/index.html> and *Time Machine* <http://www.usmint.gov/kids/timemachine/E3/erastory.html> that will capture a child's interest.

## JIM NELSON: SOLINET'S NEW SECRETARY

James A. Nelson, State Librarian and Commissioner, Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives, was elected by his peers to serve as Secretary to the new SOLINET Board of Directors at the organization's Annual Membership Meeting in May in Atlanta. Mr. Nelson is a member of the Distance Education Advisory Committee of the Council on Postsecondary Education and the Kentucky Virtual Library Advisory Committee. He formerly chaired the Kentucky Information Resources Management Commission, and he has published several papers on resource sharing. He has a BA in English from the University of Colorado; he received his MS in Library Science at the University of Kentucky.



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## MAKE SUMMER READING A FAMILY AFFAIR

Summer reading is essential for kids! However, parents and grandparents will also be spending a lot of time in your library this summer. Encourage your adult patrons to join the “Reading Expedition” with these materials from the State Library:



### Books

Thomasma, Kenneth. *The Truth about Sacajawea*. Jackson, WY: Grandview, 1997.

*Three Journals of the Lewis & Clark Expedition, 1804-1806: from the Collections of the American Philosophical Society*. Philadelphia: American Philosophical Society, 2000.

### Audiobooks

Ambrose, Stephen E. and Barrett Whitener. *Undaunted Courage: Meriwether Lewis, Thomas Jefferson, and the Opening of the West*. 20 discs (22 hrs.)

*Journals of Lewis and Clark: Excerpts from History of the Lewis and Clark Expedition*. Edited by Nicholas Biddle. 3 cassettes (4.5 hrs.)

### Videos

*Lewis and Clark [Great Journey West]*. National Geographic Video, 2002.

*Lewis and Clark: The Journey of the Corps of Discovery*. PBS Video, 1997. 2 videocassettes.

These materials and many others are available from the State Library through the OCLC ILL program. Check the KDLA Catalog at <http://kdla.kyvl.org/>. Once you select a record, click on the MARC view. The number which will simplify the interlibrary loan process is in field 035.

With the State Library’s help, the *entire* family can make reading and learning a priority during the summer months.



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## HARRY POTTER TRIVIA

J.K. Rowling’s fifth book, *Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix*, had an initial printing of 6.8 million copies on June 21, 2003 making it the largest general interest first printing of a hardcover book in the U.S. For the fourth year in a row, the Harry Potter series is the most challenged book in the U.S. according to the American Library Association.

## PUBLIC LIBRARY INSTITUTE

During the week of April 14, Bowling Green was once again the home for an exciting event – the 2003 Public Library Institute. The Kentucky Department for Libraries & Archives sponsors this periodic gathering for intensive training of library staff on a variety of topics. This year over 30 staff members from all areas of the state converged on the Western Kentucky University Conference Center to learn about library history and philosophy, intellectual freedom and material selection.

Topics also included customer service, outreach services, and marketing. A highlight of the week was when the participants were treated to a tour of the Pruitt Branch of the Nashville Public Library and time spent at the Ingram Library Services facility nearby.



Evelyn Richardson, former KDLA Regional Consultant, and Cora Willis-King from the Middlesborough-Bell County Public Library discuss one of the institute's many activities.

Those attending committed to participation in the second half of the institute, which will be held during the week of September 8-12 in Lexington. Additional topics and tours are planned for the upcoming week including an in-depth look at the varied resources at Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives and overviews of library administration and management for public library staff.

Participants at the institute earn 5.4 certification renewal points, and completion does substitute for one three- hour college credit course toward the initial Paraprofessional and Library Experience Certificates.

Many of the participants have returned to their libraries and shared the information and experience with their colleagues. Through this networking the Institute reaches far more people than the actual participants.

## THE FUTURE IS @YOUR LIBRARY

The American Library Association has created a print public service advertisement that can be used by local libraries and Friends groups in publications. “The future is @ your library...so make sure your library has a future.” ALA designed the ad to garner support for library funding and advocacy efforts. The file is printer ready and available in both color and black and white.

[http://www.ala.org/Content/NavigationMenu/Our\\_Association/Offices/Public\\_Information/Campaign\\_for\\_Americas\\_Libraries/PR\\_Tools\\_and\\_Resources/The\\_Future\\_is\\_@\\_your\\_library.htm](http://www.ala.org/Content/NavigationMenu/Our_Association/Offices/Public_Information/Campaign_for_Americas_Libraries/PR_Tools_and_Resources/The_Future_is_@_your_library.htm)



## 'CROSS THE COMMONWEALTH



All across the Commonwealth public libraries and librarians are doing remarkable things that deserve the recognition of their colleagues. This column highlights some of these. Additional items for inclusion are welcome. Please e-mail items of interest to [marjorie.flowers@kdla.net](mailto:marjorie.flowers@kdla.net).

**Caldwell County's George Coon Public Library** received a bequest of over \$100,000.00 for the purchase of material for the visually impaired.

The **Calloway County Public Library** is collecting paperback books for the troops in the Middle East. The books will be sent to the R.F. Sink Memorial Library at Fort Campbell. The base library will distribute the books to the military units.

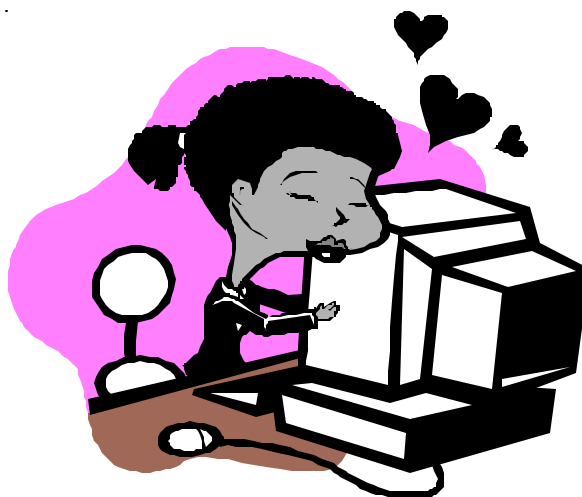
The **Graves County Public Library** has chosen a winner in its Library Testimonial Contest. The first place testimonial is: "The Graves County Public Library has been a large part of my life since I was in grade school. The library was in the courthouse basement at that time. I have seldom purchased books but always borrowed books from the library. When my husband became ill I used the computers here to research his illness and treatment centers. I cannot imagine a life without books and that makes the library a big part of my life."

The **McCracken County Public Library** is now offering its readers an automated reserve service, @utomatic @uthors @ your library. Patrons have the opportunity to reserve new books by their favorite authors automatically.

A free genealogy workshop was offered at the **Marshall County Public Library** at Benton on Wednesday, March 26, by Phyllis Simmons, UK Cooperative Extension Agent for Family and Consumer Sciences in Hickman County. The program, "Climbing Your Family Tree," addressed questions on how to start the research, explore the resources and websites that are available to genealogists.

**Green County Public Library Trustees** signed a lease agreement with the Greensburg Renaissance Committee to participate in a renovation of two buildings which will house a new library, a larger County Clerk's office and a new Records Museum.

The **Pulaski County Public Library** hosted the University of Kentucky's Blue Caravan. "Scratch," the Wildcat mascot was accompanied by 20 coaches and athletic personnel who were kept busy entertaining over 300 children and adults.



## PLANNING FOR EVENTS AHEAD

Don't forget the following special events and dates for library related activities statewide:

- July 1**      *Bubblegum Can Get You Fired.*  
Trustees Institute at Pennyrile State  
Resort Park near Dawson Springs
- July 7**      *Bubblegum Can Get You Fired.*  
Trustees Institute at Center for  
Rural Development in Somerset
- July 9**      *Bubblegum Can Get You Fired.*  
Trustees Institute at Natural Bridge  
State Resort Park near Slade
- August 7-8**    The Kentucky Bookmobile and  
Outreach Services Conference at  
Holiday Inn Capital Plaza Hotel in  
downtown Frankfort
- August 8**    Annual Picture Book Read-In at  
Kenton County Public Library,  
Erlanger Branch
- August 14**    Annual Support Staff Symposium  
sponsored by GCLC and KDLA at  
Receptions Conference & Banquet  
Center in Erlanger

For more information regarding workshop opportunities and registration, please check KDLA's website at <http://www.kdla.net/events/ce.htm>.

## FAMOUS FIRST LINES

Name the book for these famous first lines. [Hint: These novels were made into movies, too.]

1. "The great fish moved silently through the night water, propelled by short sweeps of its crescent tail."
2. "Scarlett O'Hara was not beautiful, but men seldom realized it when caught by her charm as the Tarleton twins were."
3. "What can you say about a 25 year old girl who died?"
4. "Dorothy lived in the midst of the great Kansas prairies, with Uncle Henry, who was a farmer, and Aunt Em, who was the farmer's wife."
5. "The drought had lasted now for ten million years, and the reign of the terrible lizards had long since ended."
6. "At half-past six on a Friday evening in January, Lincoln International Airport, Illinois, was functioning, though with difficulty."
7. "Amerigo Bonasera was in New York Criminal Court Number 3 and waited for justice; vengeance on the men who had so cruelly hurt his daughter, who had tried to dishonor her. "
8. "If you want to find Cherry Tree Lane all you have to do is ask a policeman at the crossroads."

(Answers are on the back cover.)



## FAMOUS FIRST LINE ANSWERS

1. *Jaws*
2. *Gone With the Wind*
3. *Love Story*
4. *Wonderful Wizard of Oz*
5. *2001: A Space Odyssey*
6. *Airport*
7. *Godfather*
8. *Mary Poppins*

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